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The Green Hills of my Fatherland.

In dreams still greet my view:  
I see once more thy wave-girt strand—  
Thy ocean-depth of blue—  
The sky—the glorious sky, outspread—  
Above them calm repose—  
The river, o'er its rocky bed—  
Still singing as it flows—  
The softness of the Sabbath hours,  
When men go up to pray—  
The sun-light resting on the flowers—  
The birds that sing among the boughs,  
Through all the summer-day,

Land of my birth!—since early love!

Once the proud hills four above—

They green vales sleep beneath—

They groves, thy rocks, thy murmuring rills,

All the before-mine eyes,

The lawn of morning on thy hills,

They gorgous sunset skies,—

They forests, from whose deep recess

A thousand streams have birth,

Gladning the lonely wilderness,

And filling the green silentness

With melody and mirth.

I wonder if my home would seem

As lovely as of yore!

I wonder if the mountain stream

Goes singly by the door!

And if the flowers still bloom as fair,

And if the woodlines climb,

As when I used to train them there,

In the dear old time!

I wonder if the birds still sing

Upon the garden tree,

As sweetly asin that sweet spring

Whose golden memories gently bring

So many dreams to me!

I know that there hath been a change,

A change o'er hall and hearth!

Faces and footsteps new and strange,

About my place of birth!

The heavens above are still as bright

As in the days gone by,

But vanished is the beacon light,

That cheered my morning sky!

And hill, and vale, and wooded glen,

And rock, and murmuring stream,

That wore such glorious beauties then,

Would seem, should I return again,

The record of a dream?

I mourn not for my childhood's hours,

Since in the far-off West,

Neath sunnier skies, in greener bower,

My heart hath found its rest.

I mourn not for the hills and streams,

That claimed my steps so long,

Yet still I see them in my dreams,

And hail them in my song;

And often by the heart-fires blaze,

When winter ev'rywhere comes,

We'll sit and talk of other days,

And sing the well remembered lays

Of my green mountain home.



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